

CAP 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th Anniversary of Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties. Introduced during the stewardship of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty in 1964, Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies have served as one of the foremost tools in uplifting individuals and families out of poverty. In Minnesota, Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties has echoed the ideals of President Johnson's vision to eliminate poverty, and served as a statewide leader in supporting families, seniors and children in need.

In 1964, America was divided by growing socioeconomic inequalities that threatened the nation's foundations of life and liberty. In response to these challenges, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, legislation that inspired a nation to act in partnership with the Federal Government to eliminate poverty. Among the results of this monumental piece of legislation was Community Action Partnership, a neighborhood-driven organization focused on and providing direct support to those dedicated to helping themselves and each other.

Today, 50 years after the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act, millions of Americans have been lifted out of poverty. In Ramsey and Washington Counties, CAP has proven to be a resilient force in delivering direct services such as Head Start, energy assistance, job training, financial literacy training, food support and car ownership programs. Governed by a board of directors representing our communities and families being served, Ramsey and Washington County CAP has been a key partner in bringing relevant, culturally appropriate, innovative solutions to reducing poverty in our community.

Despite progress that has been made, we must confirm the grim reality that poverty persists in our communities, and in some cases, deepening. To conquer poverty, Congress must end the politics of division where the stigmatization of the poor has become all too commonplace, and recommit itself to eliminating poverty in the world's richest country. In Congress, I have joined colleagues across the aisle to sponsor the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 2014. This legislation reauthorizes the Community Service Block Grant and gives CAP agencies across the Nation the tools to reinvigorate the War on Poverty. I call on Congress to unite behind vital goal and give our Nation's CAP agencies the support they need to eliminate poverty once and for all.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 50th Anniversary and pivotal role Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties has played in my District, I proudly submit this statement.

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan and congratulate them on the 96th anniversary of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

A country of historic proportions—Azerbaijan became the first democratic and secular republic in the Muslim world on May 28, 1918. Despite a time and region that posed many barriers to elements of democracy, on this Republic Day, all Azerbaijanis were given the right to vote regardless of religion, ethnicity, gender, or race, revolutionizing the country and region.

On May 28, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson met with the Azerbaijan delegation to recognize their dedication and commitment to principles of liberty, justice, and equality. And at the Paris Peace Talks, as a sign of respect and admiration between our two countries, President Wilson was given a copy of the memorandum containing the boundaries, economic and financial conditions, and ethnic composition of the newly constructed Republic.

Even today, the U.S. and Azerbaijan continue to maintain strong international and economic relations with one another. Azerbaijan has been actively involved in operations in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Iraq and a committed partner to energy development in the Caspian region. One such example, The Istanbul Protocol, led to the construction of the 1,040-mile long Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline that is owned and operated by American firms. In 2006 the BTC pipeline began its first oil deliveries and has become a vital part of delivering Caspian Sea resources to global markets.

While Azerbaijan's independence was tragically interrupted during the Russian Red Army invasion in 1920, the people of Azerbaijan persisted. Following the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991, Azerbaijan restored their democracy and has enjoyed a fruitful 23 years of stability and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and recognize the important bilateral relationship and valued connections between our two countries. It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the people of Azerbaijan during their celebration of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM-JERUSALEM DAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, across South Florida, and indeed around the world, Jews are celebrating Yom Yerushalayim—Jerusalem Day. It was 47 years ago today that Israel liberated its capital city of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War, allowing Jews for the first time in decades to visit Judaism's holiest site, the Western Wall.

Israel immediately abolished the discriminatory laws that had previously prevented Jews

from entering the Old City and implemented safeguards to ensure Jerusalem serve as a protected place for reflection and prayer for members of all religions. According to the State Department's annual report on International Religious Freedoms, "[Israel's] 1967 Protection of Holy Sites Law safeguards the holy sites of all religious groups within the country and in Jerusalem."

Today, Jerusalem has become more than a religious haven. It is a large and expansive city where ancient holy sites are accented by modern innovations. Over four million tourists came to Jerusalem last year alone to witness the city's beauty, enjoy the cuisine, and connect to the land.

Jerusalem has been the heart of the Jewish people for thousands of years. Even through centuries of exile, Jerusalem remained the focal point of Jewish aspiration, with Jews praying towards the direction of the Western Wall regardless of where they stand geographically in the world.

That is why Israel's founding Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said in 1947, "No city in the world, not even Athens or Rome, ever played as great a role in the life of a nation for so long a time, as Jerusalem has done in the life of the Jewish people."

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2014 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional!

Sixty-three young men and women participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Lauren Sciscione from Nutley High School for her digital photography entitled, "Oil and Water." Second place was awarded to Danielle Araneo from Whippany Park High School for her graphite sketch entitled, "Wide Awake."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Matt Einloth from Hanover Park High School for his graphite sketch entitled, "Drawing Match" and Amanda Greene from Pequannock Township High School for her colored pencil sketch entitled, "In the Hands of Time."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries for the official RECORD.

Boonton High School: Giancarlo Venturini, "My Imagination"; Franchesca Lebrun, "Danielle"; Amanda Nardone, "Vintage"; Mykhaylo Oreletskiy, "Homage to Art".

Chatham High School: Laurel Jude Monks, "Twisting Through Time"; Kristen Wu,

"India"; Grace Caroline Hauck, "Choctaw"; Melissa Danitz, "The Shawl".

Delbarton: Matthew Caldwell, "Vitality"; Matthew Gambetta, "Wise Guy".

Hanover Park High School: Matt Einloth, "Drawing Match"; Alexandra Eveland, "The Brush"; Amanda Baker, "Saturday Morning Sketches"; JamiLynn Rose, "Nalipop".

Hopatcong High School: Ann Marie Carroll, "Self Portrait"; Jessica Corujo, "Dis- traught".

Jefferson Township High School: Kelli Buchholz, "Layers"; Rachel Dorrothy, "Self Portrait"; Emily Henderson, "Sunset in the Country".

Livingston High School: Adina Cosden, "Public Introversions"; Sarah Tracey, "Torn Apart"; Angelica Patla, "Diversity"; Gabriela Patla, "Diversity"; Molly Nagel, "Avant Guard".

Montclair High School: Monique Baltzer, "Street of the City".

Montclair Kimberley Academy: Lauren Charpentier, "Reflection"; Hannah Kramer, "You never step into the same stream twice"; Skye Volmar, "Marcel, My Love".

Montville High School: Tyler Becker, "Desperate and Respiratory Plight"; Christine Bochiccho, "Songbird".

Montville Township High School: Alyssa Turzi, "The Bay"; Amanda Zizack, "A Place Beyond Our Years".

Morris Catholic High School: Emily Du, "Collection—Still Life"; Marc Novillo, "American Heroes"; Sean Painter, "Les Miserable—Costume Designs"; Mario Wang, "The Capital".

Morris Knolls High School: Zachary Antonacci, "The Apprentice"; Frances Kohler, "Wrinkles of Time"; Judson Kolk, "Escher Inspired".

Mountain Lakes High School: Casey Tang, "Reach".

Nutley High School: Tyler Schoeber, "Con- quered"; Lauren Sciscione, "Oil and Water"; Cassandra Rebutoc, "The Window".

Parsippany Christian School: Troy Costa, "Garden Prayer"; Jae Hee Lee, "Mother- hood"; Daniel McMillen "Surprise"; Nich- olas McMillen, "LIFE"; Nicole Okamuro, "Freedom's Plains".

Parsippany Hills High School: Annie Wang, "Boy in Reverie".

Passaic Valley Regional High School: Eleni Chryssos, "Longevity"; Ashley Lameiras, "Prisma Color"; Julie Roman, "Untitled".

Pequannock High School: Amanda Green, "In the Hands of Time"; Samantha O'Connell, "Viral".

Randolph High School: Josh Lane, "Fili- gree".

Seton Hall Prep: Christopher Giuliano, "Sailing Away".

West Morris Mendham High School: Ken- dall Smith, "Punchline"; Michael Aromando, "First and Foremost"; Katherine Barlock, "Nefelibata"; Kristine Mahan, "Anschwellen".

Whippany Park High School: Danielle Araneo, "Wide Awake"; Rebecca Hu, "Ob- scure"; Shayna Miller, "Self Portrait".

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fel- low Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO VARUN KUKKILLAYA

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work of Varun Kukkillaya who has joined 280 other spellers to compete in the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee tak- ing place in our nation's capitol. Varun is a 13- year-old seventh grader from John Adams Middle School, one of four, who will be rep- resenting West Virginia in this year's spelling bee.

Varun has already performed exceptionally in the beginning testing round and I wish him the best of luck during the remaining prelimi- nary rounds and throughout the rest of the competition. Varun enjoys a challenge and is an eager traveler. Through his persistence and determination he plans to pursue a career in medicine.

This will be the 87th competition in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which focuses on helping students improve their spelling, ex- pand their vocabularies, and develop proper concepts as they continue to further their aca- demic careers.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia commends Varun for his extraordinary efforts and looks forward to watching his progress in the coming competition.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a sys- tem for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate com- mittees, subcommittees, joint commit- tees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Com-

mittee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor- mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focus- ing on examining the safety and effec- tiveness of our transportation systems.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Re- sources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 2379, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support eco- nomic development, and sustain agri- cultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States.

SD-366

JUNE 4

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entre- preneurship

To hold hearings to examine military service to small business owner, focus- ing on supporting America's veteran entrepreneurs.

SR-428A

JUNE 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending leg- islation.

SR-418